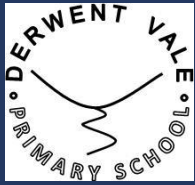


Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

25th September 2020



Check out our website for updates:

www.derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk

Star of the Week



Class 1

Shelby – for using beautiful manners & being kind to her friends & teachers

Enya – for forming letter shapes when writing



Class 2

Tate – for his fantastic art work



Class 3

Maddison – for fantastic work in maths



Class 4

McKenzie – for a great effort in maths & science this week



Class 5

Alfie – for fantastic subject knowledge and questioning during science lessons this week

COVID-19 Information

We are pleased to report that all children who were showing symptoms of COVID-19 last week have either received negative tests or are self-isolating for the required period of time.

Obviously, this is a very challenging time for everyone & we are being sent information & guidance continuously.

We can assure you that we are following all guidance very closely whilst also seeking advice from the Local Authority & Public Health England.

The health & wellbeing of our pupils & staff is our primary concern & we thank you for your patience & understanding while we deal with any COVID-19 issues.

Strive for 5 Reading Challenge

Our Strive for 5 reading challenge has started today (Friday 25th September) & your child will have brought home a reading book. Parents should record reading comments on Tapestry (for Nursery & Reception) or Showbie (for Years 1 – 6). Children should aim to read 5 or more times to receive their weekly & termly rewards.

Reading books should be kept at home for the week & returned on Friday mornings when they will be swapped for a new book. If your child finishes the book during the week, you can find a library of free ebooks here for all ages:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/library-page>

Emergency contact details/medical forms

Mrs Robson will be emailing parents next week with the current information that we have regarding emergency contacts & medical conditions for your child. It is very important that this is up to date & if there are any changes to be made, please could you reply to the email. If there are no changes, you don't need to send a reply.

If you don't receive an email, it is likely that we don't have your correct email address. If you know that this is the case, please could you send an email with your latest email address to admin@derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk. Thank you.

Staff Car Park

Please could parents ensure that children are respectful of staff vehicles in the car park when waiting to come into school. Please do not allow children to run in between parked cars or sit on them. Thank you.

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

98.08%

Brilliant!

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Highest Attendance this week:
Nursery/Reception (100%)

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 29th September

Year 1/2 Kinder cricket (wear P.E kit to school)

Wednesday 30th September

Year 5 & 6 Yoga

Tuesday 6th October

Year 1/2 Kinder cricket

Wednesday 7th October

Year 5 & 6 Yoga

Tuesday 13th October

Year 1/2 Kinder cricket

Wednesday 14th October

Year 5 & 6 Yoga

Governors' Meeting

Harvest Foodbank donations

Usually, at this time of year, we would be celebrating harvest by having a whole school assembly & asking for donations to the local Foodbanks. Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we are unable to hold these activities. Instead, we will be celebrating harvest in our class bubbles.

We are asking any families who would like to make a donation to the Foodbank's harvest appeal to take one of the following items to a local Foodbank (locations can be found here: <https://www.thefoodbank.org.uk/centres>):

Tinned tomatoes, Tea bags (40 pack), UHT Milk (full fat), UHT Fruit Juice (1 litre), Tinned Meat, Sponge Pudding, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit, Biscuits, Cereal Bars, Pasta, Jam, Tinned Veg, Tinned Pasta e.g. Ravioli, Pasta Sauce, Smash.



Young photographers' competition

Get Cumbria Buzzing is calling on photographers aged 5-15 to submit their best photos of pollinators.

You could be in for a chance to win over £30 worth of prizes. These include a year's subscription to Cumbria Wildlife Trust Wildlife Watch (magazines, stickers, posters and a wildlife handbook), a Wildlife Photographer of the Year book and a pollinator goody bag.



Simply take your best photo of a bee, hoverfly, butterfly, beetle or moth and email your images to lucyg@cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk

Deadline for the competition is **sunday 4th october**.

For more information go to <https://www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk/young-photographer-competition>